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'Please come forward'

Alleged victim of rave rape appeals to witnesses ◗ Teen says she's 'devastated' charges against suspect were stayed ◗ Crown has one year to get more evidence, re-activate charges

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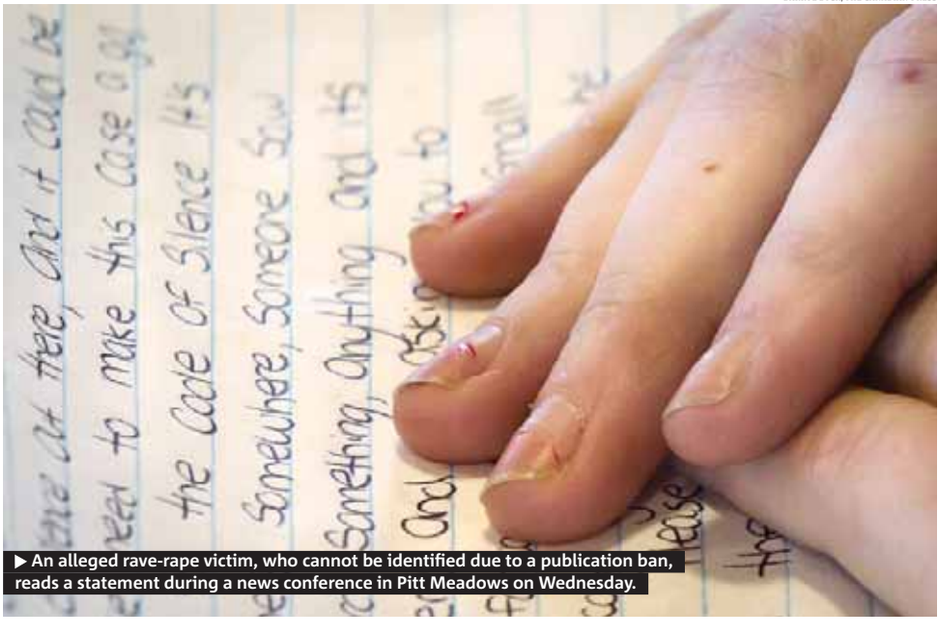

▶ An alleged rave-rape victim, who cannot be identified due to a publication ban, reads a statement during a news conference in Pitt Meadows on Wednesday.

A young woman who was allegedly drugged and raped at a Pitt Meadows rave party two years ago says she is "devastated" that the charges against the only man accused of sexual assault in the incident have been stayed.

"There's no doubt in my mind that what happened to me on the night of Sept. 11 was a sexual assault," said the teen victim, who cannot be named.

"I often wondered why women never reported they were sexually assaulted and now I know," she added. "It's a 'he said, she said' thing and it's easy enough for the offender to get off by saying (the women) consented."

She and her father sat before media Wednesday, read prepared statements and left without taking questions. Their statements came after Crown prosecutors stayed charges Tuesday against Colton Ashton McMorris, 19, saying there wasn't enough evidence to get a conviction.

The victim, who was 16 at the time of the incident, and her father pleaded for witnesses to come forward.

"Someone saw something, heard something ... and it's still out there and I'm asking you to please come forward... It would mean the world to me and my family," she said.

RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen said investigators are not going to give up gathering more evidence and that they stand by allegations the teen was raped.

"I can assure you, knowing the content of these photos (of the alleged assault that circulated online), it was not exaggerated what happened to this girl. Absolutely not," he said.

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Disgraced coach apologizes

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Liberals claiming to have right stuff

Surrounded by bankers, accountants and business executives, Premier Christy Clark and Finance Minister Kevin Falcon talked up the Liberal government's new budget until they were blue in the face.

Tory blue, that is.

Addressing the Vancouver Board of Trade a day after unveiling the new provincial budget, Clark boasted that commentators were calling her first budget "one of the most fiscally prudent budgets in the province's history."

Falcon then turned the conservative heat up another notch by quoting the darling of right-leaning U.S. Republicans, former president Ronald Reagan.

"Ronald Reagan once said that balancing a budget is a little bit like protecting your virtue," Falcon said. "You have to learn to say no. As a finance minister I've learned that increasingly is true. I say no an awful lot now."

In order to balance the budget by next year, Falcon is sticking with net-zero wage increases in the public sector, raising MSP premiums by four per cent, reducing the growth of health-care funding to 3.2 per cent, freezing the budgets of 14 ministries and selling off assets — including privatizing liquor distribution in the province.

Pumping up their conservative values could be a sign the Liberals are taking the upstart B.C. Conservative Party seriously heading into the next election. **MATT KIELTYKA**

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▶ Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Lindsey Houghton tells media about the recent theft of $500,000 in jewelry from a rental car.

An expensive lesson

$500K in jewelry stolen ◆ Police warn against leaving valuables in car

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The moral of the story: When in Vancouver, don't leave $500,000 worth of jewelry in your car.

One out-of-towner learned that lesson the hard way earlier this month while here for a jewelry trade show.

Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Lindsey Houghton said several Samsonite-style suitcases full of jewelry and a laptop bag were stolen from a rental car Feb. 13 in the 900 block of West Broadway.

Houghton said the victim of the robbery had gone to dinner but left the suitcases "on the backseat and in plain view."

When he returned to the car, he found that the doors had been pried open and half a million dollars' worth of goods had vanished.

"As always, we want to remind everybody not to leave valuables in plain view inside your car," Houghton said. "As you've heard us say time and time again, if you leave it, thieves won't."

Witnesses told police the main suspect is a South Asian man in his late 20s.

He was wearing a grey zip-up hoodie, a black baseball cap and black gloves during the break-in.

Houghton said two other men seen at the time, one white and one aboriginal or Asian, could have been accomplices.

Police are urging any pawnshop owners, jewellers or businesses to contact them immediately if someone tries to sell them sterling-silver jewelry marked with the letters "SSK."

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Vacations tend to be about the destination, but the journey is the draw for those at the "ultimate airplane nerd" fantasy camp. Scan code for story.

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World economies are awash in stimulus funding, which is good news for the markets. Allan Small has more at metronews.ca/investing

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▶ Orion Hutchinson

Officer tried to duck DUI charges: Crown

Cpl. Monty Robinson is accused of obstruction of justice in crash that killed 21-year-old motorcyclist Orion Hutchinson

A Crown lawyer says a Mountie charged in a deadly crash in Delta four years ago knew exactly how to avoid a drinking-and-driving charge.

Kris Pechet was making his closing arguments Wednesday in the trial of Cpl. Monty Robinson, who is accused of obstruction of justice in a crash that killed 21-year-old motorcyclist Orion Hutchinson.

Robinson has told the trial he went home immediately afterwards and had two drinks of vodka to calm his nerves.

Pechet says the Mountie with 12 years of experience and specific training in impaired-driving investigations knew that drinking liquor after the crash would make it tough to convict him of drinking and driving. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Don't axe Mountie over affair: Lawyer

An RCMP officer who had an ongoing affair with her boss — including having sex in a police car — shouldn't lose her job while her superior simply loses 10 days pay, her lawyer told an RCMP panel.

Larry McGonigal told the panel Wednesday it would be inappropriate and disconcerting for Const. Susan Gastaldo to be fired after the panel found her guilty of disgraceful conduct.

Her superior officer, Staff Sgt. Travis Pearson, has already been reprimanded and docked 10 days pay by the same panel after admitting to the affair and using a BlackBerry to exchange suggestive emails.

The board already ruled last December that Gastaldo, who has an anxiety disorder, wasn't truthful, her claim wasn't plausible, and she was only making the accusation because her husband found a BlackBerry with email messages between her and Pearson. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Possible serial attacker on buses

Bus drivers and passengers should be on the lookout for a possible serial attacker, police and the union representing Lower Mainland bus drivers warned Wednesday following a pair of high-profile assaults on area buses.

The suspect is a Caucasian man with dark hair in his late teens or early 20s. He is around six feet tall and 150 pounds. METRO

News in brief

Green goals still a priority, say Liberals

Environment Minister Terry Lake says B.C. remains committed to cutting greenhouse gases even though the government's carbon tax is about to be put on hold for a review.

NDP environment critic Rob Fleming says the review raises red flags about whether the government is abandoning its climate-action goals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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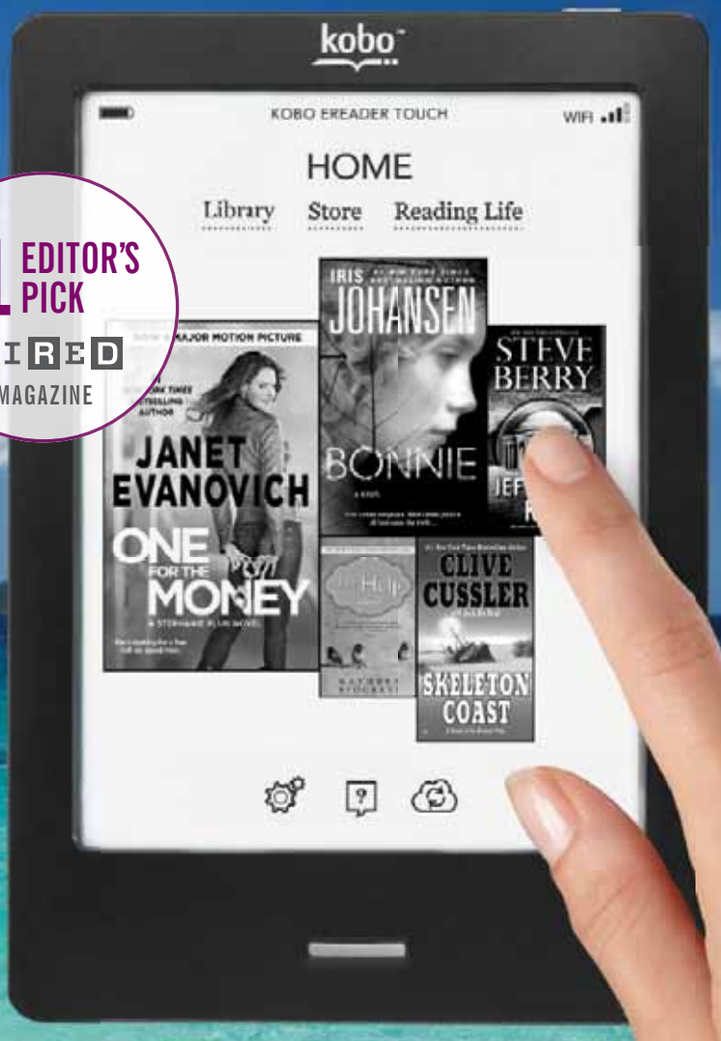

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Getting his hands dirty

CEO of junk-removal company goes undercover for Canadian TV show

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▶ Brian Scudamore, founder and CEO of 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, posed as a driver and junk hauler for an episode of Undercover Boss Canada.

Brian Scudamore said he gained much more than junk when he went undercover to work on the front lines of his company.

Scudamore, the Vancouver-based founder and CEO of the world's largest junk-removal company, 1-800-GOT-JUNK?, posed as a driver and junk hauler for W Network's Undercover Boss Canada.

The show features executives from Canada's biggest corporations who go incognito as frontline employees in their own companies.

Scudamore said the experience gave him a chance to reconnect with customers, employees and franchise partners.

"(I got to see) what was and what wasn't working with our business and see what kind of new opportunities were there," he said. "I also realized that we have such great people out in the field. They're energetic and passionate about the company and the brand."

It had been a long time since he was on the trucks in the late '80s, when he started the business, so, Scudamore said, it was a simple decision to join the show.

He also knew what name he would use for his disguise.

"I knew my wife was expecting a baby and we knew it was a boy," he said. "We'd actually named him Hugo, so we thought it would be kind of funny if I went undercover with that name, knowing one day he'd be able to watch dad on TV with his name."

He also had to shave his head, grow a goatee and wear "funky glasses" to make sure he wasn't recognized as he made rounds in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto.

Scudamore will be featured on Thursday's episode of Undercover Boss Canada on W Network at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

Murdered man from Edmonton

A 31-year-old man found dead in a field in Abbotsford last Sunday has been identified as an Edmonton resident.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team says Jimmy Chau was known to police and his killing appears to be a targeted, gang-related murder.

She won't reveal the cause of the death but says an autopsy has shown his injuries were consistent with a homicide. Investigators are asking anyone with information about the death to come forward.

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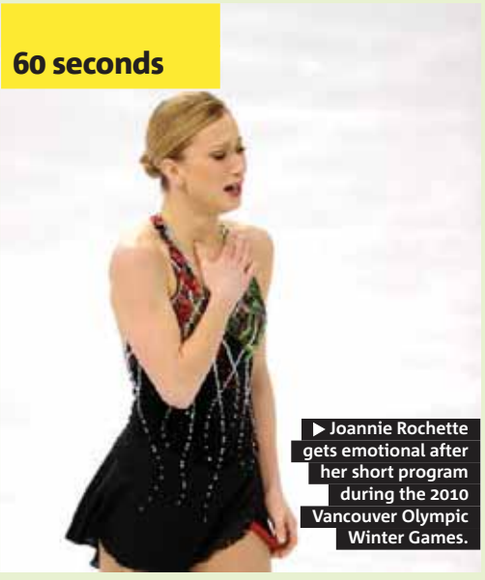

▶ Joannie Rochette gets emotional after her short program during the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games.

'SHE WAS SO DEDICATED IN HELPING ME ACHIEVE MY DREAMS'

Olympic figure-skating medallist Joannie Rochette talks to Metro about spreading the word about heart disease during Heart Month, overcoming the loss of her mother, Therese, and inspiring the nation by winning an Olympic bronze medal in 2010.

What should Canadians know about heart health?
I just want to spread the word about heart disease, especially for women, because most women think it's a man's disease. But heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in Canada. I didn't know that two years ago when my mom passed away. I wish I did.

Any indication that there might have been a problem with your mother's health?
No one thought that she would have a heart attack. We never suspected heart disease. (But looking back) my mother was a heavy smoker, she was not so active and she had high blood pressure. I take it for granted because I'm doing sports since I'm young, but for someone who wasn't introduced to sports at a young age, it's hard to change your lifestyle by the time they're 50 or older. I hope that by telling my story that women will become conscious about it and do everything they can to make those changes in their lives. Women usually take care of their families first but they don't always take care of themselves.

Did she tell you or anybody in the family that she wasn't feeling well?
After she passed away, I found in her purse a little piece of paper where she wrote her symptoms like pain in her left shoulder, numbness in her legs, and she felt stressed out. I wish that she would've told us. I think she was afraid to tell us. Women usually keep a lot of things inside and they don't always tell people when something's going on.

When you heard the news about your mom, did you think about dropping from the competition?
I knew that she would've wanted me to compete. It wasn't easy, but I knew that I wanted to do it.... She was so dedicated in helping me achieve my dreams, so I had to do it for her.

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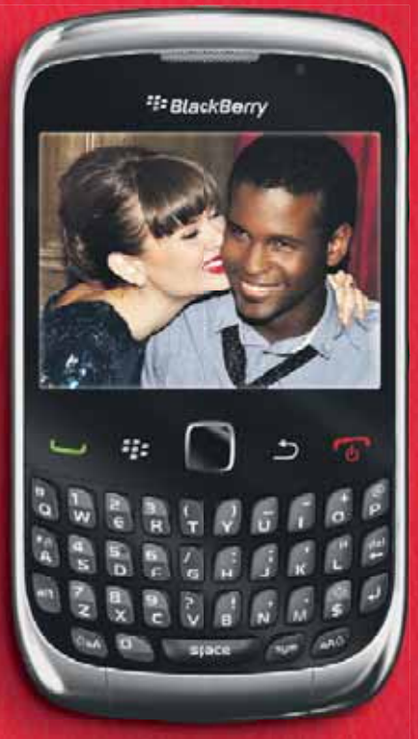

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Charges pending in concert death

The RCMP say charges are pending against three men arrested after a fatal beating at a concert in Dawson Creek. Jason Patrick Foster, 28, died after being attacked at the Hedley show on Valentine's Day. It's not known what motivated the attack. Foster had been living in the Fort St. John area but was originally from Manitoba.

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Chief's loaded pistol found

In a case of lost and found, the Victoria police have found their chief's pistol, but the department's riot gear is still lost.

Last Friday, Chief Jamie Graham announced a search for the missing riot equipment, and that search found he'd left his gun under the seat of his car in the Victoria police parkade, a violation of the rules for storing firearms. Graham has been issued a written reprimand for neglect of duty.

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Black bear cubs euthanized

The wilderness committee is furious that two tiny bear cubs were euthanized because officials believe there is no place in B.C. to raise them. Policy director Gwen Barlee says the killing of the month-old cubs was needless. The still-blind cubs were taken to a wildlife centre in Kamloops after their mother ran off when logging equipment tore apart their den near Merritt.

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All charged up for EVs

Vancouver prepares for electric car with introduction of 'charge-and-go' project ◐ Aims to reduce gas emissions by 17 per cent by 2020

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▶ From left: BC Hydro executive director Lisa Coltart, president of FCM Berry Vrbanovic, MP Wai Young, parks commissioner Constance Barnes and Mayor Gregor Robertson in the parking lot of the Coal Harbour Community Centre Wednesday.

Vancouverites can now add electric vehicles (EVs) to their list of transportation options as public charging stations begin to pop up throughout the city.

The city aims to install 67 charging stations for Level 1 (110V) and Level II (240V) EVs by the end of next year at public places like parking lots, parks and residential areas. The price of charging will vary depending on location.

"As Vancouver strives to become the greenest city in the world by 2020, we need to ensure the city's infrastructure will support and accelerate the shift towards (carbon-free) transportation options such as EVs," said Mayor Gregor Robertson.

"Vancouver has the highest adoption rate of hybrid vehicles, so we expect that to be the case for EVs as well."

The $800,000 pilot project is funded by a federal investment of $350,000, $261,000 from the province, $119,000 from BC Hydro and $70,000 from Vancouver.

There are currently four EV charging stations available in Vancouver.

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Nabbed ... after decade on the lam

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▶ Dyer

A convicted child molester who border-partol officials say had been living in Vancouver while on the run from U.S. justice has been captured in Montreal.

Missing for a decade, Steven Dyer is wanted in Arizona after failing to make a court date.

Officials said he assumed the identity of a Canadian citizen.

He was convicted in 2002 on 13 counts of child molestation and faces 169 years in jail.

He was nabbed at Montreal's Trudeau airport as he returned from Venezuela.

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'I am deeply sorry,' says ex-coach James

Sex abuser apologizes to shaken world of hockey

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▶ Former hockey player Todd Holt walks out of a Winnipeg court with supporters on Wednesday.

"I apologize."

One of Canada's most reviled sex offenders stood in court Wednesday and expressed his deep remorse for sexual abuse that shattered the hockey world.

"I stand before you with regret," former junior hockey coach Graham James said at his sentencing hearing in Winnipeg.

"I apologize to the Canadian hockey public, whose interest in the national game should be found in celebration.

"I apologize to the institution of hockey … to the many good people who work only for the betterment of the sport."

James apologized to the players he coached and their families.

"I apologize to the parents and the families of those most personally affected.... I abused the trust you put in me."

But he saved the most direct apology for last.

"Finally, and most importantly, I apologize to Theoren Fleury and to Todd Holt, against whom I have offended.

"I wanted the best for you but I did not give you my best," he said.

"My actions forfeited our friendship."

James, 59, pleaded guilty in December to sexually abusing Fleury and Holt when they played for him in the 1980s and '90s.

The sentencing decision was reserved to March 20.

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Mandatory law wrong: U.S. lawyer

A lawyer who helped U.S. politicians write mandatory-minimum-sentencing laws has a warning for Canada.

Long jail terms for minor drug offences have been a mistake in the U.S. and won't work in Canada, said Eric Sterling.

Sterling is one of 28 current and former law-enforcement officials in the U.S. who have written to Canadian senators, as well as Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the premiers.

They take issue with Bill C-10, which includes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences and is being studied in the Senate,

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Niagara Falls icon sailing off into the mist

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▶ Maid of the Mist riders wear blue plastic ponchos as they view the wonder of the Falls.

One of the largest tourist draws in Niagara Falls may not be open this year.

After 165 years, the Maid of the Mist Steamboat Co. has lost the contract to operate boats there.

The Niagara Parks Commission said Wednesday it has awarded a 30-year deal for boat-tour operations in the Niagara Gorge to Hornblower Canada, a California-based company.

"This is a great day for the Niagara Parks Commission and a great day for the tourism industry in Niagara and across Ontario," said chair Janice Thomson.

But the Hornblower service isn't scheduled to begin until the spring of 2014 and the Maid of the Mist company isn't sure it can stay in business for this summer's tourist season.

"As a result of this decision, our business, with a 165-year history of service to tourists from around the world, may soon come to an end," said company president Christopher Glynn.

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A new course

- The commission quietly gave the Maid of the Mist company an untendered 25-year contract extension in 2008.
- But Ontario's Liberal cabinet ordered the commission to open the tour boats to competitive bidding in 2009.

Unions' clout still strong in NDP vote

Trade unions remain a force to contend with in the NDP leadership contest, even though they've been stripped of their financial clout.

They provide candidates with access to thousands of members and lend them organizational muscle.

They also bring moral suasion to bear on party members who still cherish the NDP's ties to unions — founding partners in the party 51 years ago.

So far, endorsements from unions have been spread fairly evenly among four contenders: Brian Topp, Peggy Nash, Thomas Mulcair and Paul Dewar.

In 2003, unions were legally barred from donating money to political parties, including leadership candidates.

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Sask. to turn away from Oxy

Saskatchewan has joined Ontario and the Atlantic provinces in taking steps to stop funding the painkiller OxyContin and a new version of the drug, OxyNeo.

The changes coincide with plans by the manufacturer, Purdue Pharma Canada of Pickering, to discontinue producing OxyContin at the end of February and replace it with OxyNeo.

Saskatchewan will only pay for OxyNeo for cancer or palliative care patients.

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The Oxy high

- Health Canada has warned that OxyContin, taken in pill form, is a long-acting form of the highly addictive opioid oxycodone.
- When the pill is chewed or crushed, then injected or inhaled, it produces a "heroin-like euphoria."

Bin Laden rivals feared by CSIS

Just hours after U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden, Canada's spy agency predicted Islamic extremism would live on despite the al-Qaida leader's death.

A newly released assessment by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says Bin Laden — though very important — was not the only ideologue advocating war between Islam and the West.

It suggests groups inspired by the al-Qaida message might carry out attacks independently of the terrorist network.

Bin Laden was buried at sea last May after a covert U.S. team stormed a compound in Pakistan and killed him.

The CSIS assessment was obtained under the Access to Information Act.

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49 killed in Argentina train wreck

- 600 passengers were injured
- Cause not yet known, but many blame deteriorating train system

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▶ Firemen rescue wounded passengers from a commuter train after a collision in Buenos Aires on Wednesday. A packed train slammed into the end of the line in Buenos Aires' busy Once station.

The first two cars were packed as usual for the morning rush, so tightly that people stood between bicycles and the few seats.

This train had trouble stopping at all, overshooting platforms and missing at least one station entirely. It didn't come to a halt until it slammed into a metal barrier at Buenos Aires' Once station. With more than 1,200 people on board, the momentum was devastating. Forty-nine people were killed and 600 were injured.

The cause wasn't immediately determined, but many pointed to a lack of modern equipment and safety measures. Passengers said the conductor had appeared to be struggling with the brakes. The dead included 48 adults and one child. Ezequiel Mercado, his mother-in-law and 10 others frantically searched for his wife, Sabrina Espindola, 29. "I went everywhere. She is always with her BlackBerry. We are always in contact," he said.

Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi defended the rail system. "It was an accident," he said. "In recent years, we've made huge investments" in the system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The number of injured people that were hospitalized, according to Transportation Secretary J.P. Schiavi.

Syrian shelling kills two Western journalists

Syrian gunners pounded an opposition stronghold where the last dispatches from a veteran American-born war correspondent chronicled the suffering of civilians caught in the relentless shelling. An intense morning barrage killed her and a French photojournalist — two of 74 deaths reported Wednesday in Syria.

Marie Colvin, 56, and photographer Remi Ochlik, 28, were among a group of journalists who had crossed into Syria and were sharing accommodations with activists, raising speculation that government forces targeted the makeshift media centre, although opposition groups had previously described the shelling as indiscriminate. At least two other Western journalists were wounded.

Hundreds of people have died in weeks of attacks on Homs in the month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eight bodies found on deck of Costa Concordia

Divers searching the capsized Costa Concordia cruise ship off a Tuscan island found eight bodies Wednesday on a deck, including that of a missing five-year-old Italian girl, authorities said.

Italy's national civil protection agency said three of the bodies were recovered.

Bad weather prevented the divers removing the other five bodies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Kyla Gronau, wearing her Girl Scout vest, sells a box of cookies to Paa Yang, left, a neighbour in Minneapolis.

LAWMAKER STANDS BY GIRL-SCOUT CRITICISM

Undaunted by ridicule from the leader of his own party, an Indiana lawmaker is standing by his allegations that the Girl Scouts is a radical organization that promotes abortions and homosexuality.

The Scouts and Planned Parenthood have dismissed Rep. Bob Morris' comments as absurd, as did Brian Bosma, the Republican Speaker of Indiana's House of Representatives. But Morris, a Republican, told The Associated Press his critics need to do more research into the 100-year-old organization.

"My family and I took a view and we're sticking by it," Morris said Tuesday, adding that his daughters were joining an alternative group for young girls run by conservative Christians. "My girls are no longer Girl Scouts. They're now going to join American Heritage Girls." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rick Santorum placed on hot seat at Republican debate

Candidate fends off attacks from Romney, Paul during debate ◐ National polls place Santorum ahead in race

There was no clear winner, no knockout punches and no damaging gaffes on Wednesday night in the latest Republican presidential debate — possibly the final such showdown of a topsy-turvy primary season that has seen frontrunners and momentum ebb and flow on an almost daily basis.

Only four men remained standing in the 20th debate of the race, and the stakes were high in advance of state primaries being held in the delegate-rich states of Michigan and Arizona on Tuesday.

The latest candidate atop national polls, Rick Santorum, was on the hot seat in Mesa, Ariz., often appearing peeved as he fended off attacks from Mitt Romney and Ron Paul, in particular. The former Massachusetts governor and the libertarian congressman have reportedly formed a behind-the-scenes alliance.

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▶ Bud Lindsay hands out bumper stickers during a campaign stop for Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum.

"Because he's a fake," Paul answered cheerfully when asked by the debate's moderator, CNN's John King, why his campaign released an ad in Michigan this week calling Santorum a fake conservative. THE CANADIAN PRESS

He said what?

- **On the campaign trail** Santorum has come out against pre-natal testing, saying it leads to abortions.
- **He's also** on the record in 2008 as saying birth control poses a threat to the nation, that sex is only meant for the purpose of procreation and that "Satan has his sights on the United States of America."
- **Meanwhile,** Romney recently attacked the Obama administration saying it has "fought against religion" and sought to substitute a "secular" agenda for one grounded in faith.
- **Religious liberty** has been a popular topic lately because of the Obama administration's mandate that insurance companies provide free birth control to women.

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Qur'an riots leave at least 7 dead

Afghans angry over U.S. military burning of Muslim holy book Top officials apologize, call for talks

Clashes between Afghan troops and protesters angry over the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. military base left at least seven people dead and dozens wounded Wednesday as anger spread, despite U.S. apologies over what it said was a mistake.

The demonstrations across four eastern provinces illustrated the intensity of Afghans' anger at what they saw as foreign forces flouting their laws and insulting their culture.

The violence was also a reminder of how easily Afghan-U.S. relations can deteriorate, as the two countries work to forge a long-term partnership ahead of the withdrawal of foreign forces in 2014.

▶ An Afghan protester holds a Qur'an.

The unrest started Tuesday when Afghan workers at the main American military base, Bagram Air Field, saw soldiers dumping books in a pit where garbage is burned and noticed Qur'ans and other religious material among the trash.

The top U.S. and NATO commander, Gen. John Allen, quickly issued an apology and telephoned President Hamid Karzai and major news organizations to explain that a collection of religious materials, including Qur'ans, had been mistakenly sent to be incinerated.

Four copies of the Qur'an were burned before the incineration was halted, according to initial Afghan government reports. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Big world in front of smallest man

- 72-year-old Nepal man may be the world's shortest
- Makes first trip outside village to be measured

He has never worked outside the home or seen a doctor, and until Wednesday he had never left his remote mountain village in western Nepal. So 72-year-old Chandra Bahadur Dangi only recently learned he might be the world's shortest man.

Dangi says he's only 56 centimetres tall — about the size of a toddler — and he's hoping to claim the title. Guinness World Records said in an email Wednesday that its officials would arrive in Nepal's capital Sunday to measure Dangi.

Dangi took his first trip outside his village and his first trip on a plane to reach Kathmandu on Wednesday.

"I am very happy to be in Kathmandu for the first time in my life. I am here so I can take the Guinness title."
CHANDRA BAHADUR DANGI TOLD REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT

Dangi, who has never been married, lives with his eldest brother and his family in Rhimkholi village, about 400 kilometres west of Kathmandu. Because of his height, he has never worked outside the house, doing only household chores. His five brothers are of average size.

His family is not sure when he stopped growing, and Dangi said he has never been checked by a medical doctor. He attended a few classes in the village school but soon dropped out.

Dangi eats mainly rice and vegetables, and occasionally meat, but in small portions.

Since the village is so remote, it was only recently that Dangi gained notice. A forest contractor cutting timber in the village met him and informed local media after Dangi's height was measured.

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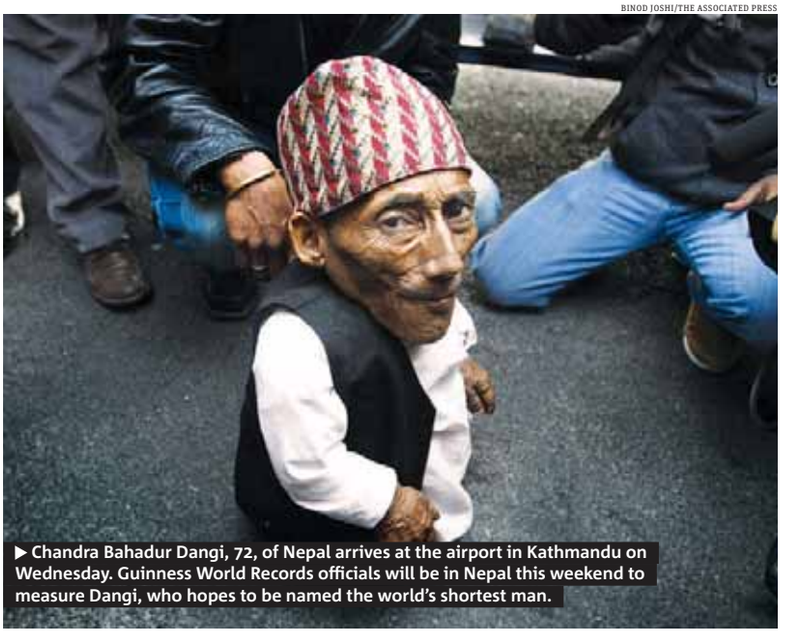

▶ Chandra Bahadur Dangi, 72, of Nepal arrives at the airport in Kathmandu on Wednesday. Guinness World Records officials will be in Nepal this weekend to measure Dangi, who hopes to be named the world's shortest man.

The big winner

- Guinness currently recognizes Junrey Balawing of the Philippines, who is 60 centimetres tall.
- Another Nepalese man, Khagendra Thapa Magar, was known as the world's shortest man, at 67 centimetres, before Balawing took over the title on his 18th birthday in June.
- In December, Guinness recognized an Indian teenager as the world's shortest woman. Jyoti Amge is 62.8 centimetres tall and wants to attend university and become a Bollywood star.

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Canadians expect to work past age 66: Poll

Nearly half of respondents to Sun Life survey said they are worried about having debt in retirement

As Canadians live longer and face tougher financial choices in their golden years, fewer than a third of respondents in a recent survey said they plan to be fully retired by 66.

Sun Life Financial's annual Unretirement Index poll, released early Wednesday, found that only about three in 10 Canadians surveyed said they plan full retirement at that age.

And the average expected age of retirement now hovers at 68 — up from 66 just last year.

"That's a fairly short space of time for an attitude change of that degree," said Kevin Dougherty, president of Sun Life Financial Canada.

The poll results from Canada's third-biggest insurance company reflect what other public opinion surveys have shown for a while — that the concept of Freedom 55 is a thing of the past.

"These results are not surprising given the current economic volatility, increasing consumer debt loads, rising health-care costs, longer life expectancy and lack of planning. We're also finding that some Canadians believe they'll have to work longer to be able to pay for basic living expenses," said Dougherty.

The retirement issue is coming to the fore as baby boomers are set to retire in the coming years, leaving fewer employees to pay into benefit plans and more drawing from them.

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Twitter. Talk

▶ Twitter co-founder Biz Stone speaks to the Board of Trade in Montreal on Wednesday.

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Tear yourself away from tweets: Stone

Twitter co-founder Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone has a message for those followers who stare at their tweet feeds for hours on end: it's not healthy. He told a Montreal business audience even he is amazed by the influence of Twitter, which the founders initially thought would just be used for fun.

Parka maker sues for logo infringment

A well-known outerwear manufacturer is suing a retailer over trademark infringement, accusing it of making shoddy replicas of the distinctive Canada Goose parkas.

It's alleged in the lawsuit that International Clothiers Inc. has intentionally designed a logo to mimic the Canada Goose Arctic Program design trademark,

Canada Goose Inc. filed a statement of claim late last month asking the Federal Court to stop International Clothiers from using its Canada Weather Gear and Super Triple Goose logos, "or any confusingly similar mark."

That circular logo is what distinguishes a Canada Goose jacket from others, the company says.

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Microsoft files complaint against Motorola

Microsoft lodged a formal complaint on Wednesday with the European Union's competition regulator against Motorola Mobility and its soon-to-be owner Google, saying Motorola's aggressive enforcement of patent rights against rivals breaks competition rules.

Motorola is in the process of being taken over by Google for $12.5 billion US, the biggest acquisition in the Californian company's history.

Microsoft fears that Google will continue Motorola's tight hold on key patents.

Apple and Microsoft argue that Motorola is overcharging for the use of these patents, which cover technologies necessary to connect wirelessly to the Internet or stream video online. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Cherie Blair

The wife of former British prime minister Tony Blair is suing Rupert Murdoch's British newspaper company over phone hacking, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Cherie Blair is suing "in relation to the unlawful interception of her voicemails," lawyer Graham Atkins said in an email, making her one of the most high-profile people to have challenged Murdoch's News International media group.

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CR-V devotees won't have much difficulty spotting Honda's latest version of its compact cute ute since it closely mirrors the outgoing version in all key exterior measurements.

What's more, the general shape remains only moderately tinkered with, including updated nose and tail section plus a dramatically shaped rear roof pillar that introduces a bit more drama to the vehicle's styling. Honda claims the new CR-V's shape, along with modifications to the undercarriage to increase airflow, have reduced fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag by eight per cent.

The interior has also been given an updated treatment, resulting in an enlarged passenger area, but at the expense of slightly reduced cargo volume. This time, though, maximizing the load floor is a snap with the new fold-down rear seat that operates by flipping a pair of levers located just inside the tailgate. The rest of the cabin is standard Honda fare, including supportive front seats and generously sized storage compartments, including a large floor-console bin that can hold a purse or other bulky items.

Getting CR-V owners to work, gym, or daycare is a revised 2.4-litre, four-cylinder engine that makes 185 horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque. That's a gain of five horsepower and a two pound-feet torque.

More importantly, fuel economy has improved to 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway on front-wheel-drive models, down from 10.5/7.3.

All-wheel drive CR-Vs are now rated at 9.2 l/100 km city and 6.6 highway (previously 10.1/7.5). The use of friction-reducing coated pistons and other technical tweaks, including a faster-activating on-demand AWD system get the credit for the CR-V's improved numbers, along with revisions to the standard five-speed automatic transmission.

Honda claims that by activating the new ECON button, which alters the transmission and air conditioning functions, drivers can improve on these numbers.

From observation, Honda engineers have largely succeeded at smoothing out the CR-V's ride and creating a quieter interior by installing additional noise barrier materials.

The CR-V features a wide and tall liftgate and lower (by five centimetres) load floor.

The CR-V in base LX trim arrives with significant standard equipment, while the next-up-the-food chain EX includes a power moonroof, fog lights and a few other niceties. Popping for the EX-L adds leather seat covers, 10-way heated driver's seat and up-level audio system, with a navigation system part of the top-level Touring.

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HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

As someone who considers himself on the cutting edge of technology, I recently began using a website known as Twitter. Have you heard of it?

I've spent my entire life missing out completely on trends — MySpace, The Thong Song, OxyContin — so my late arrival to the still-flourishing site has been a real revelation (the good kind, not the end-times, Santorum kind).

Well, my stars. Twitter is like a million sites combined!

It's a sports site that lets me learn about false hockey trades from teenagers who have no higher goal in life than to pose as Bob McKenzie.

It's a journalism site that allows me to read a breaking news headline 87 times in rapid succession.

"I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and, here's the exciting part, 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult entertainment business."

It's an entertainment site that has me waiting on pins and needles for that Charlie Sheen pocket tweet which will let me know once and for all that he has collapsed and died.

And it's a community.

The site is positively packed with tweeters who will take the time out of their busy day to insult strangers they disagree with when they could have simply moved on. It's rare to see people go the extra mile like that.

I myself have about 50 followers as I write this and — here's the exciting part — 43 of them I have never met before because they are too busy with their adult-entertainment business. As soon as I joined, I was swarmed with new friends with names like Sexy McXXX and Sarah TryMyWebsite!, which I assume is Polish.

With its intrinsic goal of adding as many followers as possible, Twitter is a bit of a drug. The notifications button on Facebook is only a mild buzz compared to the straight-heroin injection of getting new Twitter followers.

I never dream about work, but the first day I started using Twitter I dreamt about it. Specifically, I dreamt I was super-excited because Lenny from The Simpsons followed me.

Here's the honest truth: I find the site oddly intimidating. Because, unlike Facebook, which pushes everyone toward a sort of echo-chamber conformity, Twitter is really whatever you make it.

It can be a huge knowledge resource, an insight into the famous and powerful, and a promotional tool. Or it can be a site that you use for cheap factoids, a reality-TV buzz and to avoid working.

So will I be a Twitterati or just a Twit? I'll be following myself with interest.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Register at metropolitanpanel.ca and take the quick poll

What do you think of the government's new online-surveillance legislation?

Local tweets

- **@ashleighmcivo:** grrr...Exit row seat doesn't recline. Not that I'm complaining or anything. Best to have the leg room so my knee doesn't get stuck bent.
- **@nizmerz:** I really miss the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics!!!!
- **@dgmbear:** Making a rare Vancouver appearance...the sun! Yes, I hear you Austinites chuckling.
- **@stuarture:** looking forward to @marcmaron with #davidcross & #bobodenkirk this Saturday in Vancouver - promise not to bump or steal jokes
- **@v1nh:** Beautiful day in Vancouver. Go Canucks!
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Kevin Costner come to mind?

Not only seen in the movies

For a while, they called it "Kevin" after actor Kevin Costner, who starred in the 1995 flick Waterworld.

The name didn't stick, even in the mind of Zachory Berta, the Harvard University grad student who discovered the planet. "Planet Kevin" is called GJ1214b. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"GJ1214b is like no planet we know of. A huge fraction of its mass is made up of water."
ZACHORY BERTA

GJ1214b facts

- **Planet of hot, hot water.** It orbits a red-dwarf star at a distance of just two million kilometres, meaning temperatures on the planet are above 200 C.
- **'Super Earth.'** It's about 2.7 times the Earth's diameter and almost seven times its weight.

Experts discover 'water world'

SPACE. For years, water worlds have been the stuff of space sci-fi; now they're reality. Experts have revealed that the planet GJ1214b is a new classification of celestial body: a mix of water and high temperatures that could help host alien life. Other planetary types are: rocky (Earth), gas (Jupiter) and ice (Uranus). MWN

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GJ1214b is 40 light years from Earth. It's believed GJ1214b formed farther out from its star, where water ice was plentiful, and migrated inward early in the system's history, thus passing through the star's "habitable zone."

Telescope helps clear the haze

DISCOVERY. Analysis of the watery planet in 2010 suggested that it was simply covered by a "haze," similar to that surrounding Saturn's moon Titan. But the latest results from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope show that it more likely has a thick atmosphere of water vapour. This "super-Earth" was first discovered in 2009. MWN

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▶ Winterruption Festival features artist Jasper Sloan Yip.

Breaking up the boredom

The Winterruption festival cuts through the clouds to wash away those winter doldrums

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Looking from this window, a thousand rivers running past my door/Standing on an island, looking for someone upon the shore/I can see it very clearly, nothing's really changed/Then lightning strikes across an empty sky…

Ooh, the rain is falling/Ooh, the rain is falling/Ooh, the rain is falling/Will it wash away the lonely tears…

That was just a snippet of Rain is Falling by Electric Light Orchestra, on what looks to be a rather gloomy Thursday. (I'm forecasting this in a DJ voice on a very rainy Tuesday, but safe to say the weather outside your window still looks like a scene from Stephen King's Misery — if not then you'll just have to go with it. Now — let's turn back time with a little Cher, er, regular voice...)

Seriously — what is up with this weather, Vangroovy?

I feel like Bill Murray in Groundhog Day, if that movie was a Morrissey song.

Thankfully, the weekend forecast promises a break in the clouds. Maybe not literally (surprise, it calls for rain), but certainly in the head-clearing form of a festival.

That's right, folks, it's time for Winterruption.

Celebrating its seventh year, things kick off tomorrow and run through the weekend on Granville Island.

Highs include music presented by Coastal Jazz and Blues Society: Michael Bernard Fitzgerald with special guests Acres of Lions, Aidan Knight with special guests The Belle Game, Celso Machado, Aeroplane Trio, Jasper Sloan Yip, and the Bill Coon Latin Trio.

There are exhibitions and open studios, artists and artisans, and plenty to do for the kids, too: check out Carousel Theatre's Aesop's Fables, or hit up the Kid Zone where International Children's Festival presents local drumming group, Kutapira, whom you might have tapped your feet along to while strolling down Granville Street under the summer sun.

Performances also by Vancouver TheatreSports League, the Arts Club's Intimate Apparel by Lynn Nottage, I Love You Because and a promise of local dancers popping up all over the place.

Details

What you need to know about the event.

▶ **Info** Winterruption 2012 starts tomorrow morning at 9 and runs until Sunday evening at 7. For more information, visit granvilleisland.com

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Justin Bieber

He's only 17, but pop sensation Justin Bieber is back with his second book. HarperCollins announced Tuesday that it will publish Justin Bieber: Just Getting Started. The company says it will be released in September.

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Adele caps a momentous year, Ed Sheeran breaks out at UK music's Brit Awards

Goon script came from a 'pure place'

Goon script writer Jay Baruchel claims the movie is the best hockey film since 1977's Slap Shot

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A year-and-a-half ago Jay Baruchel told me he was writing a script for what he said would be the best hockey movie since the 1977 crowd favourite Slap Shot.

The resulting film is Goon, a new comedy tribute to the most misunderstood sports stars — the hockey enforcer. When I ask him if he could still make that boast now that the movie was finished he said, "With a doubt. Unquestionably."

"I go so far as to say we have the best hockey in any hockey movie. It has teeth and it hits you in the head like a two-by-four. It's loud. It's coarse. It's violent. But none of what I just mentioned would work or be relevant if you didn't care about what was happening. The most important thing about this movie is, and I hate using this word because it is so overused, but how much heart it has."

Shot in Manitoba, the movie stars American Pie's Seann William Scott as Doug Glatt, a semi-professional hockey player who can not only give a beating, but take one as well.

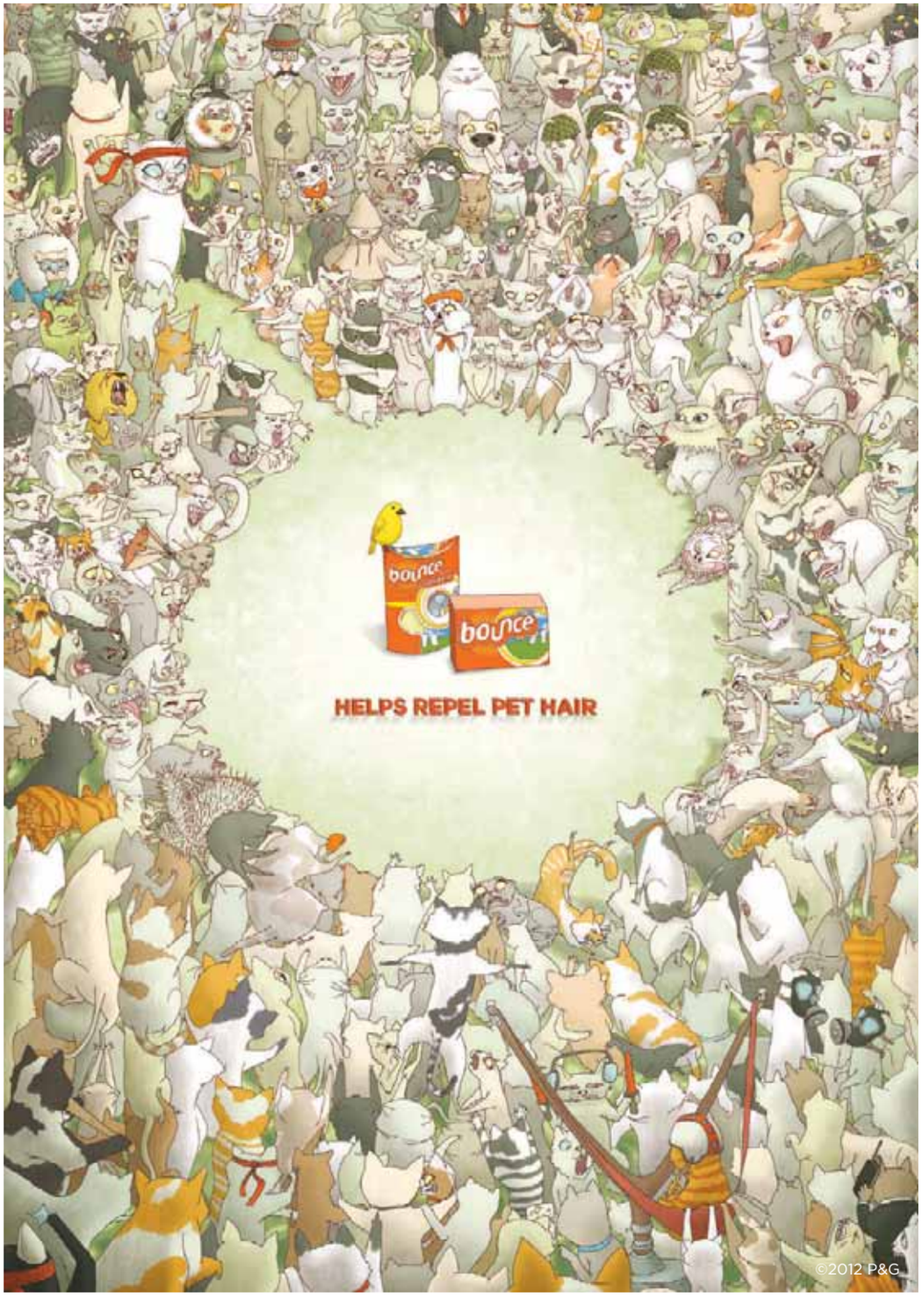
"It is an anthem to the most maligned, least understood position in professional sports," says Baruchel, "that of the hockey enforcer. I grew up with not just an appreciation but an inherent respect for what they did, so I decided these boys deserved their moment in the sun.

"That's why (the movie) is as violent as it is because it is not a clean job they do. Just like a soldier who leaves and runs the risk of not coming home this guy runs the risk of having some very terrible injuries inflicted on him every time he skates. We're not passing some moral judgment on it aside from (the idea that) we could take a lesson from these boys about their humble blue-collar work ethic."

Baruchel, who also co-stars, is a lifetime hockey fan who grew up watching hockey with his father on television.

"Hockey is as infinite as literature, as music as food. There is no way to make a movie about all of it so focused on one facet of it. It came from a very pure place."

RICHARD CROUSE



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▶ Goon pays respect to the hockey enforcer's job.

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Aniston's escape

In Wanderlust, Jennifer Aniston runs away from modern life How she got in touch with her hippie side

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Jennifer Aniston's character in Wanderlust runs away from the modern life she and her husband (played by Paul Rudd) share to live in a Utopian, free-love commune in rural Georgia, and the actress admits the impulse to disappear isn't all that unfamiliar.

"Every day, yes," she says of feeling that way. "I mean, for me, going to Clarksville [Georgia] and shooting this movie was a version of that, honestly, because there were no paparazzi and there was no secret little tricky cellphone pictures being taken. It was just this great community and these amazing people."

Maybe getting into the hippie spirit of the film's premise helped, but Aniston says she ended up learning a lot about herself just by the change of environment. "For me, I really realized how walled I was, and not consciously so, but just this armour that I kind of have, protective armour from — not my friends or people in my family, but just being outside in the world, always on guard or whatever," she says. "There's just this sigh of relief after week one just knowing, oh this is like John Travolta in the Boy in the Bubble. It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"

The image she's conjured reduces her to a fit of laughter, but there was a serious sense of self-improvement for Aniston to take away from the Wanderlust production. "It was special, it was really special ... to kind of get back in touch with that part of myself and that anonymity," she says. "I really made a conscious effort to know, 'Don't wall up like that.' I think you kind of miss out on a lot of stuff if you're so protected and isolated, in a way."

Other career choices

What would the Wanderlust star be doing if she wanted to run away from acting? "Well, there was the period where I wanted to be a therapist if the acting thing didn't work," she says. "I was always the girl that people would come to and talk about their problems. Still am."

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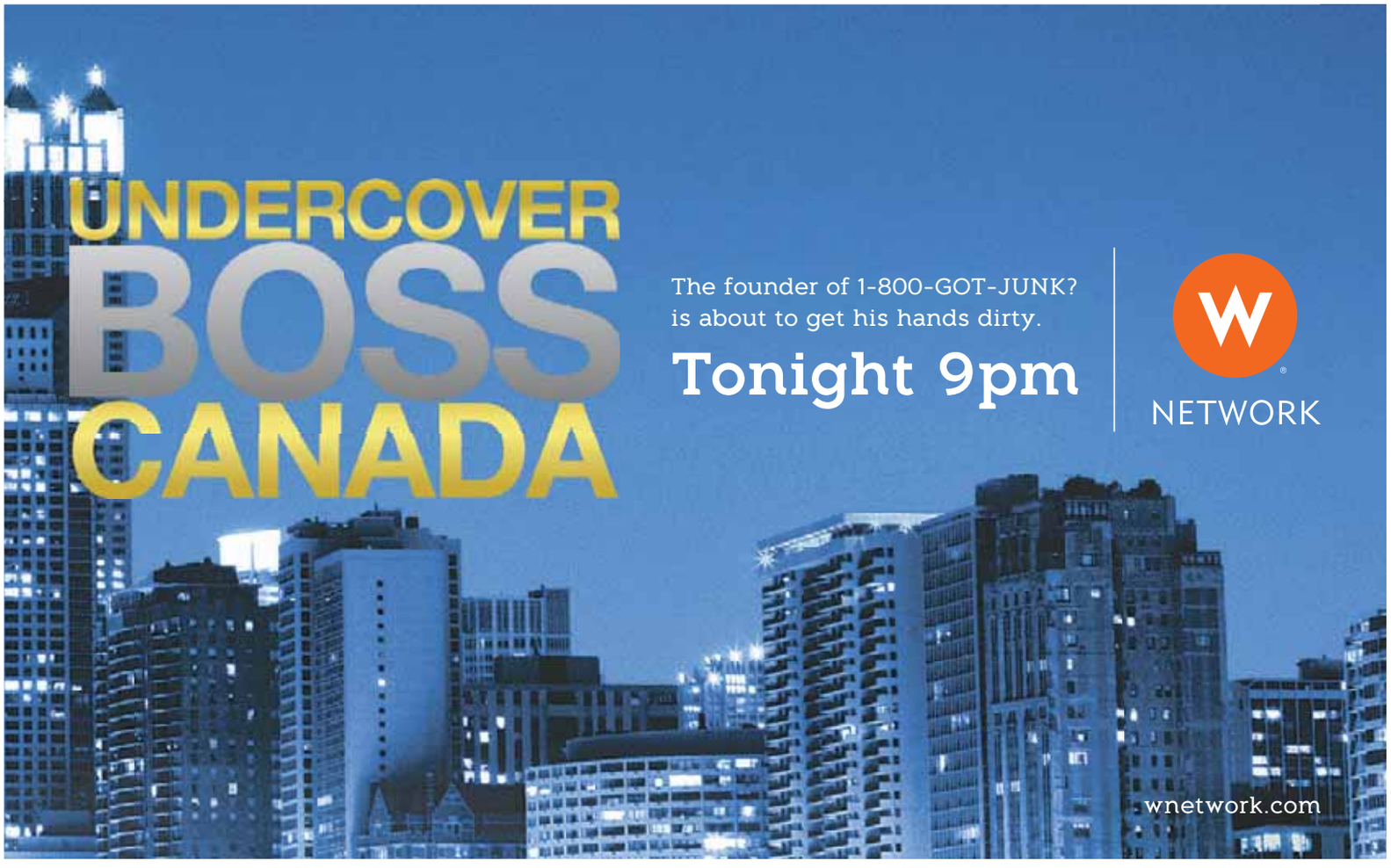
▶ Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston star in Wanderlust.

Wain talks free lovin'

With Wanderlust, director and co-writer David Wain sends a pair of Manhattanites down the communal living rabbit hole as they decide to move into an "intentional living" community led by a cult-ish womanizer (Justin Theroux). Metro chatted with Wain about the film.

Why do you think hippies continue to be such a great source for comedy?
We all have sort of a fantasy of being that, you know? We all think like, what if we could just walk away from conventional life — and just relax and focus on enjoying every moment instead of doing whatever the f— we do.

You're dealing with a good deal of sexual humour. How much do you worry about ratings and the MPAA?
Well, with Rated R you can do most anything, and usually if it's going to be too hard for an R then it's not that interesting to me. I don't necessarily want to show. I guess basically the other answer is I've never had an issue with them. All four movies I've done have been rated R, and ... none of them have come back and said, "Take something out." NED EHRBAR



Perry's Good Deeds

Tyler Perry talks about following his dream His latest project? Trying to make films more multicultural

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▶ Tyler Perry tests his acting chops in a dramatic role in Good Deeds.

Tyler Perry is no stranger to directing himself on screen, but his latest film, Good Deeds, marks his first leading role.

Perry — who of course wrote, directed and produced the film as well — stars as Wesley Deeds, a wealthy business owner who strays from his straight-and-narrow path to aid a homeless single mother played by Thandie Newton. "I was just looking at my own life and asked myself what if I had done what other people wanted me to do?" Perry tells Metro of his inspiration for the story.

"Like my mother wanted me to work at the phone company. What if I had done that instead of following my own dream, my own heart?"

Good Deeds is the first time you've put yourself in the lead of one of your more dramatic films.

At the beginning of it, it was very scary because I've never felt this exposed before. I usually like to have a costume to hide behind, somewhere to hide. The character I play is kind of so close to me and my life, as far as running my own business and some of the things that he endured, so it was pretty scary. Because I prefer, as I said, to just have something else to hide behind. But the first week into it, I was like, "You know what, this is going to be great." I started to relax and enjoy it.

You have I, Alex Cross coming up, a gig where you're only acting and not writing or directing.

I'll tell you, the toughest part of that is that I hate the downtime. The downtime is ridiculous, it is ridiculous. But I learned very quickly that this is what it is. You sit in the trailer for 12 hours. You're being paid to sit there, so shut your mouth and sit there. Well for me, I used the time. I wrote three movies while I was on that.

What do you think about studios still being averse to backing films with predominantly African-American casts?

I think George Lucas can speak to it better because I think he clearly got an education in it [with Red Tails] and I think it was clearly shocking to him that it was so difficult. I don't think it's about racism as much as it's about money. And a lot of films being made these days are dependent on international money and box offices, and it's been reported — but never proven — that films with all-black stars, besides Will and Denzel, don't do well abroad. Now the big issue with that is that nobody's trying. Nobody's trying to help cultivate an audience. I know I have a huge following in Australia and the U.K. and Africa and the Netherlands, but I haven't found the partner to try and help build that audience.

But that's something you're actively looking to do?

Absolutely. The stories that I'm telling are relevant to anyone. It would be fantastic for people to start to really understand that we all have stories to tell and we all have stories of interest to anyone around the world.

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Lindsay Lohan

Lohan's career back on track?

It's been a good week for Lindsay Lohan, career-wise.

First, it was announced she'll be hosting Saturday Night Live again on March 3, and now sources say that the troubled actress has been confirmed to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime television movie about the screen icon, according to Hollyscoop.

The film, Liz and Dick, will focus on Taylor's relationship with Richard Burton.

A source says that as long as Lindsay stays out of trouble and fulfills all the obligations of her probation, the job is hers.

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His lips are sealed

Adam Levine refuses to dish dirt on Aguilera

THE WORD

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In an interview on The Howard Stern Show on Tuesday, The Voice coach Adam Levine proved himself to be smart about a few topics.

Stern tried to get Levine to gossip about fellow mentor/judge Christina Aguilera's recent weight gain.

"Why do you think she's gotten so heavy? Is she upset?" Stern prodded.

"She used to be so (expletive) hot ... And her clothes are too tight, right?" the shock jock continued.

"When you're a plus-size woman, you can't wear the tight clothes anymore."

Levine responded diplomatically, stating: "I wouldn't go that far, actually."

And when Stern pushed the point, asking what size Aguilera is, the musician-turned-reality star wisely shut Stern down: "I'm keeping my (expletive) mouth shut."

Smart of him, right? Then the topic veered to Levine's Russian model girlfriend, Anne V.

"This is the longest, most functional relationship I've ever been in, I don't want to screw it up," he said.

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▶ Adam Levine with girlfriend Anne V.

Update on Houston's drug intake

A new report looks to confirm that Whitney Houston's death earlier this month was caused by a mixture of alcohol and prescription drugs, according to Radar Online.

"Whitney had taken Valium, Xanax and alcohol, which led to her death. The coroner is waiting on final toxicology results to determine which one of the three was the major contributing factor of her demise," a source says.

"The coroner will be closely examining Whitney's blood alcohol content at the time she died as well. The sedatives and alcohol will almost certainly be the cause of death, and not drowning. Her heart stopped beating because her respiratory system was suppressed because of the anti-anxiety meds, and combined with the booze it probably happened very quickly before she was found partially submerged in the bathtub." METRO

▶ Whitney Houston

Celebrity tweets

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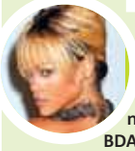

I can't believe I'm pullin an all nighter on my BDAY!!!

@TheRealRoseanne

I will appoint a native american as head of the dept. of Immigration.

Barrymore pregnant?

Drew Barrymore was spotted leaving a Beverly Hills doctor's office with fiancé Will Kopelman by her side and a sonogram printout in her hand, according to TMZ.

So does this mean that the actress is expecting? Her rep had gave a firm "No comment" in response.

But it could explain why Barrymore isn't farther along in her wedding planning. At a recent event — to which she showed up in fairly loose-fitting clothing — Barrymore admitted she hadn't even started shopping for a wedding dress.

▶ Drew Barrymore

"Oh, gosh, I don't know," she said.

"I've been trying to figure it out! All I know is that I want something tasteful, something timeless."

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3 life

Mad Hatter

Hats and headdresses have popped up on New York and London's runways. We look at some of the wildest.

▶ Marc Jacobs

▶ Jeremy Scott

Tough urban cool at Topshop Unique's London fashion show

How Christopher Kane, McQ and Acne sold us on fall's most ubiquitous colour

Burgundy is anything but bland

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

As far as colours go, burgundy is a pretty lackluster follow-up to all the pops of yellow we saw for spring.

That age-old mix of red and brown brings to mind '80s corduroy, Avon lipstick and micro-suede couches sold at a deep discount in suburban furniture warehouses. Hardly something women would clamour to wear.

Simply put, the maroon parade that marched its way through New York was kind of a let down.

Then the London shows came along and things started to change.

In Christopher Kane's hands, the shade became sexually charged, Gothic and a little dangerous on his leather-trimmed dresses, padded coats and cigarette trousers.

Kane used a shade that more so resembled freshly drawn blood than living room curtains with a techie, moiré fabric that changed tones as the models moved. And that's exactly what made it so memorable.

The costume designers for True Blood should take note. Vampire Pam's closet could use an update.

Acne, meanwhile, gave burgundy a futuristic sheen in glossy leather pieces such as sleek trousers, a belted sculptural coat and full skirt.

They looked subversive and directional — and yet timeless. You could wear these without looking like you've succumbed to the trend of the season and pull them out a few years later and still look modern.

Most memorable, though, were Sarah Burton's sublime plays on texture at McQ.

Burgundy looks best when done in rich, plush, touchable things and Burton exploited this to maximum effect. Take her V-neck dress made out of shaved mink on top and embroidered velvet on the bottom, accessorized with leather elbow-length gloves. It looked glamourous without reading old; it was romantic while still maintaining an edge — a world away from the suburban living room.

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▶ McQ

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What's trending

Military-inspired outerwear is hot for fall.

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The world is your Oyster

▶ Cypress Place is the last phase of the Nicklaus North master planned community — 250 single-family homes, townhomes and condos situated around the Jack Nicklaus golf course.

Cypress Place at Nicklaus North offers homebuyers what they want ◐ Choose your own designers, builders

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FOR METRO

Looking for a place to build your dream home? We have found a pretty incredible candidate, and it's green in more ways than one.

Every so often you get a market where buyers get to build precisely what they want. In Whistler, that development is Cypress Place at Nicklaus North, according to Jason Wexler, development manager for B.C. real estate developer Burrard Group.

Cypress Place is not a development — yet. It's a collection of 39 lots and a show home located in the valley a short walk from Green Lake in Whistler.

In that space, the world is your oyster. Homebuyers can choose their own designers and builders. Design guidelines for Cypress Place designate quality standards and green requirements such as high-grade insulation and locally sourced building materials.

Cypress Place is the last phase of the Nicklaus North master planned community — 250 single-family homes, townhomes, and condos situated around the Jack Nicklaus golf course. The parcel of land sits about five feet above the course in the widest part of the valley.

Golf isn't the only activity on Cypress Place's doorstep, however. The area is an outdoor lover's paradise with hiking and mountain biking trails and even a kayak launch nearby.

Myriad walking and bicycling trails also border the properties, so car trips are optional for getting to Green Lake, Lost Lake, Meadowpark Sports Centre, or Whistler Village.

And when bicycling is not an option, the village and its bustling boutiques and restaurants are only a two-minute drive north.

In winter, living at Cypress Place is all about "spending Christmas with your family in the snow and being in the village and enjoying the experience," Wexler said.

Of course, the No. 1 draw is world-class ski hills Whistler and Blackcomb, said Wexler. But closer to home, the Nicklaus North golf course paths turn into groomed cross-country ski runs.

"You can just drop out your back door and go cross-country skiing," said Wexler.

To make sure that Cypress Place homes are just as green inside as out, the Burrard Group is offering a credit for Earth-friendly buyers who want to install a geothermal heat exchanger — the underground pipe component of a geothermal heating and cooling system.

The geothermal heating system costs about 70 per cent less to operate than a conventional heating system, but the up-front investment can make it daunting for homebuyers, which is why Burrard offers the credit.

"What we wanted to do is remove that barrier so that the option is there," said Wexler.

The development

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North Vancouver is preferred locale

ON THE MARKET

RYAN DELUCA
FOR METRO

Allen and Paula Greenberg are recent transplants to Vancouver from Edmonton. After trying to find a dream home on their own in their modest price range with no success they opted to use a realtor to help.

They are seeking a two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium in the suburb of North Vancouver. The condo must be ready to move in and not require extensive renovations. That being said, cosmetic upgrades are acceptable as it will allow the couple to put their own stamp on the space.

Lower Lonsdale in North Vancouver is the perfect area because it is close to the SeaBus, which will get both of them to work downtown, and has numerous shops, cafés, and restaurants within walking distance. Outdoor space is essential since they love to entertain and have summer barbecues, but the view is not a priority. Their budget is $500,000.

Here are three properties they should look at.

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▶ This corner suite is located in award-winning One Park Lane.

508-170 W 1st St.
— North Vancouver
$489,000

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom corner suite located in the award-winning One Park Lane complex is another great fit for the Greenbergs. Also located in their prime location of Lower Lonsdale, this 741-square-foot unit comes completely renovated with maple hardwood flooring, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. A gas fireplace and balcony with stunning sunset and mountain views are just a few more of the great features located in this unit. Floor-to-ceiling windows, a concierge and even a theatre room make this unit a great buy, says Teresa Englmann of Prudential Sussex Realty.

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▶ Stainless steel appliances and new cabinets are featured.

410-108 W. Esplanade
— North Vancouver
$439,900

Located in the heart of their preferred neighbourhood, this two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo occupies 841 square feet. Recently renovated with carbonized bamboo floors, granite counters, stainless steel appliances and new cabinets, the Greenbergs will appreciate that this unit is move-in ready. The skylight, gas fireplace, stunning city views, and balcony top off all their requirements. Listing agent John McKenzie of Re/Max Crest Realty also notes that this home is in very close proximity to all the shopping, dining, and transportation that Allen and Paula enjoy.

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▶ A unit in the Royal Kensington building is below the ceiling price.

805-444 Lonsdale Ave.
— North Vancouver
$438,800

This 940-square-foot unit in the Royal Kensington building comes in well below Allen and Paula's ceiling price. Views of downtown, Burrard Inlet, the Lions Gate Bridge and mountains give this home a sense of serenity. If the Greenbergs are able to get their hands a little dirty, minor updates to the kitchen and bathrooms could make this home the perfect spot. Realtor Bryan Hatch of Sutton West Coast Realty points out this unit is listed below the assessed price of $443,000 and has all the needed "bones," such as laundry hookups and large rooms to make this a great space to live.

BITS & BITES

PROVINCE INCREASES REBATE THRESHOLD

PETER SIMPSON
FOR METRO

B.C. Finance Minister Kevin Falcon recently unveiled the HST transition rules for new housing, alleviating the uncertainty around how the HST will revert back to the PST/GST system. Falcon also increased the new housing rebate threshold to $850,000 from $525,000, and raised the maximum rebate grant to $42,500 from $26,250.

The measures, which were applauded by officials from the province's residential construction industry, capture 90 per cent of all new homes in B.C.

Four days after Falcon announced the HST changes, he delivered, in his budget speech, more good news for first-time homebuyers — a one-time personal tax credit of up to $10,000 on newly built homes.

This move is designed to help property virgins step onto that first rung of the home ownership ladder and stimulate construction-related jobs.

"The measures, which were applauded by officials from the province's residential construction industry, capture 90 per cent of all new homes in B.C."

Home & Garden Show

The popular B.C. Home & Garden Show runs today through Sunday at B.C. Place Stadium.

Headliners include HGTV's Bryan Baeumler and the W Network's Hillary Farr. Also popular will be the Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association Renovation Gallery, presented by FortisBC. Professional renovators will be on hand to showcase and discuss their latest home makeovers.

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Housing starts

According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC), housing starts throughout the Metro Vancouver region improved slightly in January compared to the same month last year.

The 1,555 starts reported by CMHC were an eight per cent increase over January 2011. Not surprisingly, the strength remains in the multi-family sector, where 1,285 starts were recorded. Last year, 17,867 starts were recorded in Metro Vancouver, a decent 17 per cent increase from 2010.

The 2011 starts total generated more than 50,000 full-time jobs in the residential construction sector.

Homebuyer seminar

The GVHBA's 18th annual first-time homebuyer seminar, presented by the Homeowner Protection Office, branch of BC Housing, will be held April 3 at the Bell Performing Arts Centre in Surrey. Patron sponsor is RBC Royal Bank. Register early online at gvhba.org.

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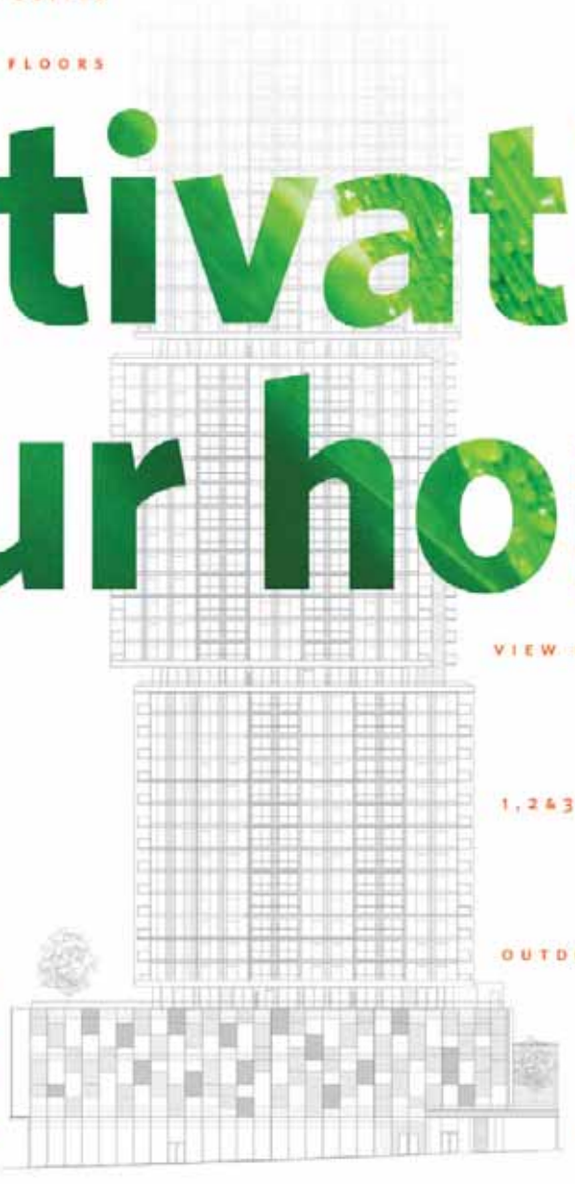

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An hors d'oeuvre you can't refuse

Years after winning big at the Academy Awards, The Godfather still fascinates viewers
Even Don Vito Corleone wouldn't be able to resist this snack

The Godfather

The Godfather is a sweeping saga of crime, punishment and the complexity of family ties. But it has its foodie side, too.

There's the ominous orange — you can expect trouble when one of these appears in the movie. There's the scene where Clemenza teaches Michael Corleone how to make gravy (spaghetti sauce) because "you never know, you might have to cook for 20 guys someday." And was there ever sager culinary counsel than this? "Leave the gun; take the cannoli."

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ This recipe makes 24 meatballs.

Angry Meatballs

Preparation:

1. In medium bowl, combine loose spicy Italian sausage with lean ground beef. Form into 2.5-cm (1-inch) balls.
2. In skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add 4 cloves thinly sliced garlic and sauté for 3 minutes.
3. Add meatballs and cook until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer meatballs to a plate.
4. Add crushed red pepper flakes, halved grape tomatoes and torn fresh basil leaves to pan. Sauté for 1 minute, then season with salt and pepper. Spoon over meatballs.

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Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) of loose spicy Italian sausage
- 250 g (1/2 lb)lean ground beef
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic
- 5 ml (1 tsp) crushed red pepper flakes
- 500 ml (2 cups) halved grape tomatoes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) torn fresh basil

Corleone Cocktail

Here's a cocktail featuring Italian liqeur with a touch of orange to keep things interesting.

Preparation:

1. In a double old-fashioned glass, stir together Campari, Amaretto, bitters and Scotch. Garnish with an orange twist.

Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1/2 oz) Campari
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Scotties. Curling

▶ Manitoba skip Jennifer Jones calls a shot against B.C. at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Red Deer, Alta.

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Jones drives Manitoba to top spot at Scotties

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones, B.C.'s Kelly Scott and defending champion Amber Holland continued to lead the pack at the Canadian women's curling championship Wednesday. Scott and Holland sat at 6-3 while Jones improved to 7-2 with an evening win. Scott has been able to stay near the top despite teammate Sasha Carter being in and out of action all week with a stomach ailment that's made the rounds in Red Deer.

Western arms race underway

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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The Canucks failed to get a point for the first time in more than five weeks following a 3-1 loss to the Predators Tuesday in Nashville. They deserved better — perhaps the Hockey Gods were evening things out for games they had no business winning earlier in the year — but it was a reminder of exactly how razor-thin the difference between a conference title and an early tee time will be among the top six teams in the West. Win or lose, they're sure to get another cold slap of realization Thursday at Joe Louis Arena, where the Red Wings haven't lost in 23 outings.

Of specific concern coming off these two tilts will be the depth each opponent has added in the past week in Nashville's Hal Gill and Detroit's Kyle Quincey. Kesler & Co. got a taste of what a series against 'Zdeno Chara Lite' would be like on Tuesday.

The moves surely raised the eyebrow of GM Mike Gillis and the question now becomes: Must the Canucks join the arms race? The answer should and likely will be yes. Vancouver is fully cap-crunched with less than a half-million in space, but second secondary scoring options (forget about Rick Nash, folks) and defensive depth must be explored, even if it means some creative book keeping for the next month-and-a-half — remember, there's no cap in the playoffs.

As the team learned last year when blueliners were dropping like flies in the playoffs (10 saw playing time), you can't have enough D-men. They already have issues, with Keith Ballard having missed the past seven outings with a head/neck injury. And 37-year-old Sami Salo is always a question mark with his spotty health record. The Canucks have been fortunate that their top three of Alex Edler, Kevin Bieksa and Dan Hamhuis haven't missed a game, but beyond these five, the corps lacks experience. The goal is finding third-pairing guys who can move up in a pinch.

Snagging a goal-scoring forward on a cost-conscious budget is a more difficult. If something happens up front, it'll very likely mean dealing a player with potential who is struggling (Mason Raymond? Jannik Hansen?) for someone who can chip in immediately and has playoff experience.

Big deals are out of the question (and unnecessary), but a few tweaks are in order ... if only to keep up with the West's Joneses.

Santos, Cordero solidify back of Jays' bullpen

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell has one less decision to make this season.

He knew before spring training even started how the back of the Blue Jays' bullpen would look: Sergio Santos will be his closer and Francisco Cordero the setup man.

The starting rotation? He's far less certain about that.

Coming into camp, Farrell envisions a starting rotation of Ricky Romero, Brandon Morrow, Brett Cecil, Henderson Alvarez and Dustin McGowan. But he said, "that doesn't mean that starters Kyle Drabek, Aaron Laffey, guys that are in camp here, (don't) have an opportunity to make this club."

The Blue Jays acquired

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▶ Sergio Santos

Santos in a trade with the White Sox after he saved 30 games in his first season as closer for Chicago and second in the big leagues over all. Cordero had 37 saves for Cincinnati in 2011 but he signed a one-year, $4.5 million free agent contract to pitch the eighth inning for the Blue Jays.

"When you look at the acquisition of Sergio, he gives us that one guy to really go back to that's a little more clear cut today going into 2012," Farrell said Wednesday in Dunedin, Fla.

The setup man doesn't have the cachet that goes with being a closer. But Farrell said baseball people who have worked with Cordero call him "a complete team player."

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The Canucks (38-16-6) travel to Detroit (41-18-2), where the Red Wings haven't lost in 23 games. Detroit beat San Jose 3-2 on Sunday but lost 2-1 in Chicago on Tuesday. Valtteri Filppula scored the Red Wings' only goal in the loss, giving him 46 points this season. Defenceman Kyle Quincey, whom Detroit waived in 2008 but reacquired in a trade that sent its 2012 first-round pick to Tampa Bay, will make his debut on Thursday.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	58	38	15	1	4	161	118	81	19-7-0-2	19-8-1-2	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Boston	58	36	20	1	1	194	134	74	18-10-1-1	18-10-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
d-Florida	58	27	20	5	6	144	162	65	14-8-1-6	13-12-4-0	5-5-0-0	L3
New Jersey	59	35	20	1	3	168	162	74	16-10-0-3	19-10-1-0	8-1-0-1	W4
Philadelphia	59	33	19	2	5	198	181	73	14-10-1-4	19-9-1-1	4-5-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	60	34	21	2	3	186	160	73	18-8-2-0	16-13-0-3	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	62	32	22	6	2	190	185	72	16-11-2-1	16-11-4-1	5-3-2-0	W4
Toronto	60	29	24	4	3	181	184	65	16-9-3-2	13-15-1-1	4-5-1-0	L2
Winnipeg	62	29	26	4	3	157	175	65	18-9-1-2	11-17-3-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Washington	60	29	26	2	3	161	173	63	19-8-0-2	10-18-2-1	3-6-0-1	L3
Tampa Bay	59	27	26	3	3	166	197	60	18-9-1-1	9-17-2-2	5-3-2-0	W3
Buffalo	60	26	27	3	4	150	176	59	15-11-3-4	11-16-0-0	5-3-0-2	W2
NY Islanders	60	25	27	5	3	139	171	58	13-14-5-0	12-13-1-2	4-5-0-1	L2
Montreal	61	24	27	2	8	160	167	58	11-14-2-6	13-13-0-2	5-4-0-1	L2
Carolina	60	23	26	7	4	158	181	57	16-12-0-3	7-14-7-1	6-2-2-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	61	41	18	1	1	191	141	84	26-2-1-0	15-16-0-1	7-2-0-1	L1
d-Vancouver	60	38	16	0	6	195	147	82	18-6-0-4	20-10-0-2	7-1-0-2	L1
d-San Jose	58	31	20	4	3	170	148	69	18-9-2-0	13-11-2-3	3-6-1-0	L4
St. Louis	60	36	17	1	6	152	121	79	26-4-1-3	10-13-0-3	6-4-0-0	L2
Nashville	60	35	19	3	3	168	155	76	19-7-2-2	16-12-1-1	5-3-0-2	W2
Chicago	61	33	21	4	3	191	179	73	21-6-1-3	12-15-3-0	4-6-0-0	W4
Phoenix	60	30	21	3	6	157	151	69	16-10-2-2	14-11-1-4	8-1-0-1	W3
Los Angeles	61	27	22	5	7	129	135	66	15-13-0-4	12-9-5-3	2-6-1-1	L4
Calgary	60	28	23	5	4	143	161	65	16-9-1-1	12-14-4-3	5-2-2-1	L1
Dallas	60	30	26	1	3	155	167	64	16-12-0-2	14-14-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Colorado	61	30	27	3	1	155	169	64	17-13-0-1	13-14-3-0	4-4-1-1	W1
Minnesota	59	26	24	2	7	131	154	61	14-10-1-3	12-14-1-4	2-6-0-2	W1
Anaheim	60	25	25	4	6	154	171	60	15-13-2-0	10-12-2-6	6-1-1-2	L1
Edmonton	59	23	30	2	4	159	178	52	15-10-2-2	8-20-0-2	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	60	18	35	2	5	142	198	43	11-16-1-2	7-19-1-3	5-4-1-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Ottawa 5 Washington 2
Boston 4 St. Louis 2
Colorado 4 Los Angeles 1
Tuesday's results
Edmonton 6 Calgary 1
Dallas 3 Montreal 0
Nashville 3 Vancouver 1
New Jersey 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Philadelphia 5 Winnipeg 4 (OT)
Buffalo 2 N.Y. Islanders 1
Chicago 2 Detroit 1
Columbus 6 San Jose 3
Phoenix 5 Los Angeles 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Rangers 0
Tampa Bay 3 Anaheim 2
Tonight's games
San Jose at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

SENATORS 5, CAPITALS 2

First Period
1. Ottawa, Karlsson 13 (Spezza, Michalek) 9:36
2. Ottawa, Michalek 26 (Karlsson) 14:13
Penalty — Neil Ott (elbowing) 10:09.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Michalek 27 (Karlsson, Alfredsson) 3:37 (pp)
4. Ottawa, Phillips 4 (Foligno, Neil) 12:08 (pp)
Penalties — Green Wash (tripping) 3:03, Karlsson Ott (slashing) 7:37, Wideman Wash (hooking) 8:03, Brouwer Wash (unsportsman-like conduct) 10:29, Laich Wash, Smith Ott (fighting), Foligno Ott (slashing) 12:50, Michalek Ott (interference) 15:19.
Third Period
5. Washington, Carlson 8 (Semin) 2:19 (pp)
6. Washington, Perreault 10 (Chimera, Semin) 9:57
7. Ottawa, Foligno 13 (unassisted) 18:47 (en)
Penalty — Turris Ott (hooking) 0:22.
Shots

Washington	11	11	13	35
Ottawa	7	9	10	26

Goal (shots-saves) — Washington: Vokoun (L,23-15-2) (11-7), Neuvirth (12:08 second, 14-14); Ottawa: Anderson (W,29-19-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Washington: 1-5; Ottawa: 2-3.
Att. — 18,357 (19,153) at Ottawa.

BRUINS 4, BLUES 2

First Period
1. Boston, Marchand 20, 2:29
2. Boston, Lucic 21 (Corvo, Kelly) 6:19
3. St. Louis, Stewart 12 (Porter, Arnott) 7:17
4. St. Louis, Reaves 2 (Crombeen, Shattenkirk) 12:15
5. Boston, Kelly 15 (Lucic, Boychuk) 19:20
Penalties — McQuaid Bos, Crombeen StL (fighting) 2:38, Chara Bos (hooking) 14:00.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Third Period
6. Boston, Marchand 21 (Seguin, Bergeron) 9:14
Penalty — Backes StL (goaltender interference) 19:25.
Shots

Boston	6	4	9	19
St. Louis	10	14	8	32

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,25-12-0); St. Louis: Elliott (L,20-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-1; St. Louis: 0-1.
Att. — 18,460 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

AVS 4, KINGS 1

First Period
1. Colorado, Olver 2 (D.Jones, Winnik) 7:04
2. Colorado, Stastny 15, 13:04
3. Colorado, McClement 8 (O'Reilly, Kobasew) 17:22
Penalty — Downie Col (tripping) 14:16.
Second Period
4. Colorado, Stastny 16 (Landeskog, Duchene) 12:45
Penalties — J.Johnson LA, Clifford LA, Wilson Col (roughing), Nolan LA, Kobasew Col (misconduct) 8:58, Landeskog Col (holding) 10:13, O'Byrne Col (cross-checking) 13:56.
Third Period
5. Los Angeles, Brown 15 (Doughty, Richards) 4:35
Penalties — None.
Shots

Los Angeles	10	14	9	33
Colorado	11	11	5	27

Goal (shots-saves) — Los Angeles: Quick (L,24-17-11)(11-8), Bernier (start second)(16-15); Colorado: Varlamov (W,16-18-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 0-3; Colorado: 0-1.
Att. — 15,907 (18,007) at Denver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	33	40	73
Stamkos, TB	42	28	70
Giroux, Pha	23	47	70
Spezza, Ott	27	38	65
Kessel, Tor	31	33	64
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	51	64
Lupul, Tor	23	39	62
D.Sedin, Vcr	26	35	61
Pominville, Buf	23	36	59
Datsyuk, Det	16	43	59
Eberle, Edm	26	32	58
Kovalchuk, NJ	25	33	58
Tavares, NYI	24	34	58
Hossa, Chi	23	35	58
Neal, Pgh	30	27	57
Toews, Chi	29	28	57
Karlsson, Ott	12	45	57
Hartnell, Pha	28	28	56
Elias, NJ	19	37	56
Ra.Whitney, Phx	16	38	54
Parenteau, NYI	12	42	54
Selanne, Ana	20	33	53
Thornton, SJ	13	40	53
Vrbata, Phx	30	22	52
St. Louis, TB	18	34	52
Couture, SJ	27	24	51
Sharp, Chi	24	27	51

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND
Yesterday's result
Manchester City 4 (England), FC Porto (Portugal) 0 (Manchester City advances 6-1 on aggregate)

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND
First Leg
Yesterday's results
FC Basel (Switzerland) 1 Bayern Munich (Germany) 0
Marseille (France) 1 Inter Milan (Italy) 0

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's result
Hull 0 Brighton 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Celtic 2 Dunfermline 0
Motherwell 4 Hibernian 3

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Yesterday's results
Sochaux 0 Lille 1
Saint-Etienne 4 Lorient 2
Caen 2 Auxerre 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Siena 0 Catania 1

TRANSACTIONS

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Named Will Plemons defensive line coach and Chip Garber linebackers coach.

NHL

DALLAS STARS—Placed C Jake Dowell on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 21. Recalled F Matt Fraser from Texas (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned F Chris Mueller to Milwaukee (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Sent D Ty Wishart to Bridgeport (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Acquired C Antoine Vermette from Columbus for G Curtis McElhinney, a 2012 second-round draft pick and a 2013 fifth-round draft pick.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled F Keith Aucoin from Hershey (AHL).

MLS

MONTREAL IMPACT—Announced the retirement of D-MF Simon Gatti, who will coach the U14 team of the Impact Academy.

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Province (skip)	W	L
Manitoba (J.Jones)	6	2
Canada (Holland)	6	3
B.C. (K.Scott)	6	3
New Brunswick (Atkinson)	5	3
Quebec (Larouche)	5	3
Alberta (Nedohin)	5	4
Saskatchewan (Englot)	4	4
Ontario (Horgan)	4	5
Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey)	3	5
P.E.I. (Dolan)	2	6
N.L. (H.Strong)	2	6
NWT/Yukon (Galusha)	2	6

All Times Eastern
Yesterday's results
Draw 12
New Brunswick 6 Ontario 5
Nova Scotia 7 Canada 6 (extra end)
Manitoba 8 British Columbia 6 (extra end)
Alberta 9 Saskatchewan 8
Draw 13
British Columbia 11 Northwest/Yukon Territories 6
Quebec 6 Alberta 5
Ontario 7 Newfoundland & Labrador 4
Canada 10 P.E.I. 4
Draw 14
P.E.I. vs. Nova Scotia; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. New Brunswick; Quebec vs. Saskatchewan; Manitoba vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories.
Tuesday's results
Ninth Draw
Manitoba 8 Nova Scotia 3
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 P.E.I. 4
Quebec 7 Northwest/Yukon Territories 5
Saskatchewan 11 New Brunswick 6
Draw 10
Alberta 7 British Columbia 4
Canada 9 Ontario 4
Manitoba 8 Saskatchewan 7 (extra end)
New Brunswick 8 Nova Scotia 4
Draw 11
Alberta 10 P.E.I. 5
British Columbia 11 Newfoundland & Labrador 7
Ontario 12 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2
Quebec 8 Canada 5 (extra end)
Today's games
Draw 15, 10:30 a.m.
Alberta vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; British Columbia vs. P.E.I.; Canada vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; Quebec vs. Ontario.
Draw 16, 3:30 p.m.
Manitoba vs. Quebec; Saskatchewan vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; New Brunswick vs. P.E.I.; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Nova Scotia.
Draw 17, 9:30 p.m.
Canada vs. Saskatchewan; Ontario vs. Manitoba; Alberta vs. Nova Scotia; New Brunswick vs. British Columbia.
Tiebreakers (if required)
One Draw — Friday, 10 a.m.
Two Draws — Friday, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Three Draws — Friday, 10 a.m., 3 and 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Page Playoffs
One vs. Two, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Page Playoffs
Three vs. Four, 1 p.m.
Semifinal
One/Two loser vs. Three/Four winner, 6 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	26	7	.788	—
d-Chicago	27	8	.771	—
Orlando	22	12	.647	4½
d-Philadelphia	20	14	.588	6½
Indiana	21	12	.636	5
Atlanta	19	14	.576	7
New York	17	17	.500	9½
Boston	15	17	.469	10½
Cleveland	13	18	.419	12
Milwaukee	13	20	.394	13
Detroit	11	24	.314	16
Toronto	10	23	.303	16
New Jersey	10	25	.286	17
Washington	7	26	.212	19
Charlotte	4	28	.125	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	26	7	.788	—
d-San Antonio	23	10	.697	3
d-L.A. Clippers	19	11	.633	5½
Dallas	21	13	.618	5½
L.A. Lakers	20	13	.606	6
Houston	20	14	.588	6½
Memphis	19	15	.559	7½
Denver	18	15	.545	8
Portland	18	16	.529	8½
Minnesota	17	17	.500	9½
Utah	15	17	.469	10½
Golden State	13	17	.433	11½
Phoenix	14	20	.412	12½
Sacramento	11	22	.333	15
New Orleans	8	25	.242	18

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Oklahoma City 119 Boston 104
Indiana 102 Charlotte 88
New Orleans 89 Cleveland 84
Toronto 103 Detroit 93
Sacramento 115 Washington 107
Orlando 108 New Jersey 91
New York 99 Atlanta 82
Chicago 110 Milwaukee 91
Houston 93 Philadelphia 87
Minnesota 100 Utah 98
Golden State 106 Phoenix 104
L.A. Lakers 96 Dallas 91
Denver at L.A. Clippers
Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 101, Detroit 100
Indiana 117, New Orleans 108 (OT)
Miami 120, Sacramento 108
Memphis 89, Philadelphia 76
Portland 137, San Antonio 97
Tonight's games
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

Tomorrow's games
Rochester at Toronto
Philadelphia at Edmonton
Calgary at Colorado
Minnesota at Washington
Saturday's results
Philadelphia 14 Toronto 8
Rochester 15 Washington 12
Colorado 12 Minnesota 7
Calgary 12 Edmonton 8
Saturday, Feb. 25
NLL All-star Game at Buffalo, N.Y., 7 p.m.

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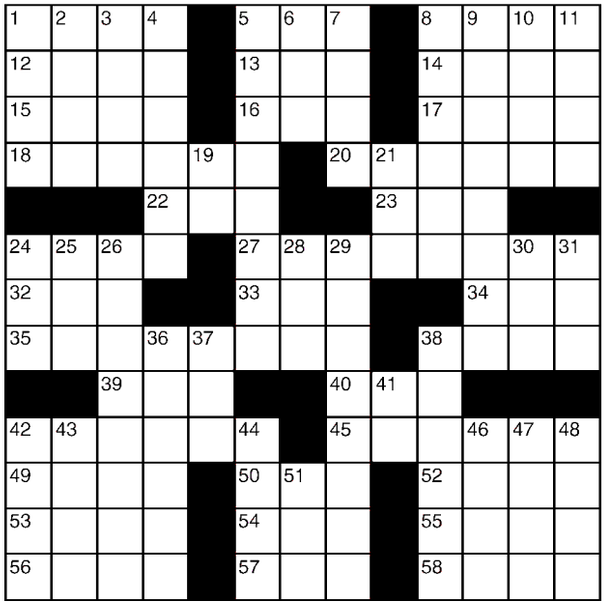

Across

1 Beige
5 Owns
8 Excellent, in slang
12 "You've got —"
13 Individual
14 Wealth source
15 "— She Lovely"
16 Periodical, for short
17 Congregation's cry
18 Government in power
20 Stress
22 Wrestling surface
23 Towel designation
24 Vocal comeback
27 Snake-related
32 To and —
33 Personal question?
34 Ernesto Guevara
35 Middle-ear membrane
38 Old card game
39 Shade source
40 Ram's mate
42 Of Hebrew descent
45 Lighthouse light
49 Shaving cream additive
50 Tokyo's old name
52 Tardy
53 Catherine, Henry VIII's sixth wife
54 Moreover
55 Grand story
56 BPOE members
57 Deposit
58 Dilbert's workplace

Down

1 Eastern potentate
2 24 bottles
3 Peal
4 In the preceding month
5 Where you grew up
6 Literary collection
7 Genesis name
8 Tranquil
9 Nostalgic, in a way
10 Port of Yemen
11 Camper's shelter
19 Mother
21 Actor McBride
24 Salamander
25 Weep
26 Student's assignment
28 Dien Bien — (Vietnam city)
29 One disinclined to do the town
30 "Eureka!"
31 Trawler need
36 Needlenose tool
37 Mornings (Abbr.)
38 Unopened
41 You and I
42 Scoff
43 Israeli airline
44 Get better
46 Garb for Superman
47 Elevator name
48 Choker location
51 "CSI" evidence

▶ Yesterday's answer

F	A	N	G		A	D	S		C	O	D	A
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Sudoku

			7		5	9		3
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	3	9	8				6	5
6	1				7	3	4	
			2					
3					9		5	2
5		1	4		8			

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	7	3	8	6	5	2	9	4
9	8	2	4	7	3	5	6	1
6	5	4	9	2	1	8	7	3
8	3	9	2	5	7	4	1	6
2	4	1	6	3	8	7	5	9
7	6	5	1	4	9	3	8	2
3	2	8	7	9	6	1	4	5
5	1	6	3	8	4	9	2	7
4	9	7	5	1	2	6	3	8

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You, I really thought you were the perfect one for me. Everything really clicked, or at least I thought it did. I guess I'm just prone to getting hurt way too much. No matter what girl you find now, I'll always love you a lot. Just because you never felt the same way, doesn't mean it'll change how I feel. You're really a great guy, I hope you know that. **AEROPLANE OVER THE SEA**

Today 7°/3° Partly cloudy
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Know what the weather will be 14 days from now.
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Both at home and at work you will be called on to shoulder heavy burdens over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
With so many cosmic influences working in your favour now there is precious little you can do that will be perceived as wrong.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The sooner you assert your authority, the sooner you will get what you want. That applies to all areas.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Your pace of life may be too hectic for some people but the Sun in sympathetic Pisces means you thrive on the pressure.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Making money comes easy to you now but the question is: can you hang on to it? Don't waste what you earn on luxury goods.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You can expect some rather amazing things to happen today, but they will be even more amazing if you make them happen yourself.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You are worrying for no reason. Channel fears into creative activities to turn negative into positive.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
The planets urge you to be more active, more assertive and more ambitious. It's a creative time.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
So many things are changing now that it may all be a bit of a blur but you're naturally flexible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Nothing can hold you back today. Nothing can dent your self-belief. You were born to be a winner.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't worry if something of value goes out of your life. What comes in will make up for it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Make sure those who mean the most to you can see how much you care. Don't just assume they know it — come out and say it in plain language. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Ladies 14kt yellow gold ring with 0.27ct emerald surrounded by 14 diamonds (0.21 ctw)
Appraisal value: $1,200.00
J&M Regular Price $319.00
J&M Sale Price $208.00

14kt gold bracelet with 36 diamonds (1.08 ctw)
Appraisal value: $6,200.00
J&M Regular Price $2,799.00
J&M Sale Price $1,812.00

18kt pendant with 0.42ct centre stone surrounded by 0.15 ctw halo of diamonds
Appraisal value: $3,000.00
J&M Regular Price $1,199.00
J&M Sale Price $777.00

Pair of vintage dress clips with 4.6 ctw baguette and round diamonds
Appraisal value: $17,800.00
J&M Regular Price $8,495.00
J&M Sale Price $6,496.00

Gold by weight. Dare to compare.

14kt two-toned mens' wedding band, 7.3 grams
J&M Regular Price $473.00
J&M Sale Price $377.00

Ladies' 18kt yellow gold ring with 0.58 ct ruby and 8 diamonds (0.16 ctw), 5.3 grams
J&M Regular Price $850.00
J&M Sale Price $455.00

One of the largest selections of rings, earrings, chains and other jewellery, all at every day low prices, with 20% additional savings for a compounded saving!

14kt yellow gold mens' solid curb link 22" necklace, 23.71 grams
J&M Regular Price $1,534.00
J&M Sale Price $1,227.00

14kt yellow gold ladies' dinner ring, 3.23 grams
J&M Regular Price $209.00
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We checked out the competition at two of the mall stores and our every day prices are *still* better than their sale prices!

1.36 gram chain purchased on sale December 30, 2011, for $125.00
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You would have saved $64.07

1.26 gram chain purchased on sale January 4, 2012, for $128.00
J&M every-day price for the same item on that day $79.13
You would have saved $48.87

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10kt yellow gold Singapore link 18" chain, 9.08 grams
J&M Regular Price $48.00
J&M Sale Price $37.80

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